

BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH P. McMONIGLE

Joseph P. McMonigle became Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Energy in December 2002. Previously, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

As Chief of Staff, Mr. McMonigle plays a major role in the implementation of the Secretary's policy initiatives across the Department, in addition to overseeing public affairs and strategic planning. He provides advice to the Secretary on a broad range of topics including international affairs, budget and legal issues and Departmental management.

As a top aide to the Secretary, Mr. McMonigle also advised the Secretary during his work as a member of the National Energy Policy Development Task Force. In addition, he also serves as one of the Secretary's primary liaisons to the White House, other Cabinet agencies and Capitol Hill.

Prior to the inauguration, Mr. McMonigle was a member of the Presidential Transition Committee Staff advising Secretary Abraham during his confirmation process.

Mr. McMonigle is a long-time and trusted advisor to the Secretary. Prior to joining the Bush Administration, Mr. McMonigle was the Administrative Assistant and General Counsel to then-Senator Abraham during his service as a U.S. Senator from Michigan. He has worked with Secretary Abraham for seven years, having served as his press secretary in his first campaign in 1994 and his campaign manager in 2000.

He began his Senate service as Senator Abraham's Communications Director. During that time, Mr. McMonigle was elected President of the U.S. Senate Press Secretaries Association, a bi-partisan organization of Senate press secretaries whose previous leaders included former White House Press Secretaries Marlin Fitzwater and Michael McCurry.

In addition to his work with Secretary Abraham, Mr. McMonigle also served as an aide to former HUD Secretary and Congressman Jack Kemp as well as the Executive Assistant to the Pennsylvania Attorney General.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. McMonigle is a graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and District of Columbia Bars.

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